

Bee Cave Police Department
2015 - Annual Report



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Chief's Message

This past October, the Bee Cave Police Department celebrated ten years of service to our community. Although the first Chief of Police, Steve Gonzalez, was sworn in on August 1, 2005, Travis County Sheriff's Office continued to provide law enforcement services until October 1st, when four additional officers joined the chief to form the Bee Cave Police Department. Since that time we have proudly "Protected the Hive," as we like to say.

2015 was a year of accomplishments. Although the city continues to grow and our calls for service continue to increase, our crime rate has remained constant and we saw a small decrease in the number of reportable vehicle accidents.

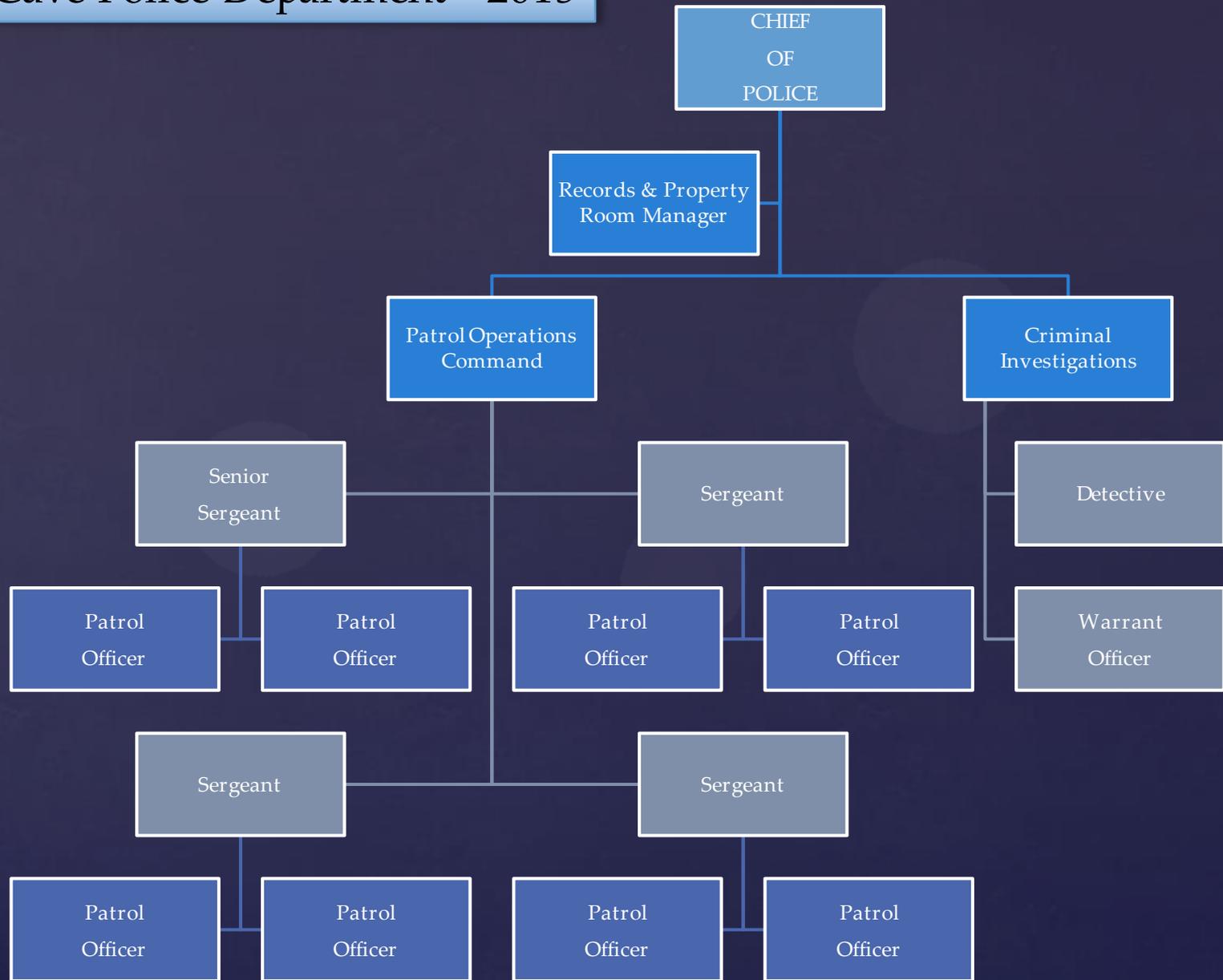
Our first Citizens Police Academy was held with an outstanding group of men and women learning about their police department and the situations we deal with on a daily basis. And of course we learned about their concerns. We strengthened our relationship with Lake Travis Independent School District and were proud to have officers participate in the homecoming parade and to escort the Cavaliers football team through town on the way to the state championship game in Houston. We look forward to their return trip next year.

The community support we receive is rewarding. Individual officers and the department were recognized with awards from the local Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. Officer Ryan Halley completed a rigorous six week program at the Texas Department of Public Safety and earned certification as a Personal Trainer from the Coopers Institute and certification as an Advanced Physical Fitness and Readiness Assessment Instructor from D.P.S. We have implemented the D.P.S. fitness standards for all new and current officers, and we are proud to be one of the most fit police departments in Texas.

We linked our records system with Lakeway Police Department so we can share records of incidents reported to either city. This also allowed the use of iPads in each patrol car to allow officers to communicate with dispatch and to view and submit reports from the field. In December we launched the Texas Department of Transportation accident software which enables officers to complete accident reports and submit them electronically to the state.

Our greatest strengths will always be the individuals who work for the Bee Cave Police Department and our newest officers have strengthened this organization. We are proud of the public trust we have worked to achieve during our decade of service to the Bee Cave community.

Bee Cave Police Department - 2015



Police Department Staffing -2015



Gary Miller
Chief of Police



William Pitmon, Lieutenant
Criminal Investigation



Vicente Montez, Lieutenant
Patrol Operations



Brad Kuecker
Senior Sergeant

R. Dale Bennett
Sergeant

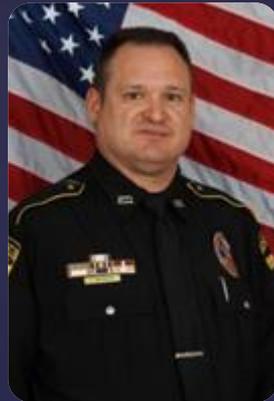


Eric Cuevas
Sergeant

Lupe Navarro
Patrol Sergeant



Christina Millard
Detective



John Meiners
Warrant Officer



Fonda Rhoades
Records &
Property Room
Manager



Jimmy
Roquemore
Department
Chaplin



Gabe Flores
Senior Officer



Alice Flores
Senior Officer



Kevin Hendricks
Senior Officer



Ryan Halley
Police Officer



Joe Reid
Police Officer



Dwayne Shaw
Police Officer



Stephen Moring
Police Officer



Keith Howard
Police Officer



Joseph Sanchez
Police Officer

Awards and Recognition



Joe Reid
Officer of the Year
M.A.D.D. DWI Enforcer Award

Lieutenant William Pitmon
F.B.I. National Academy



Awards and Recognition



The Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas
Leadership Command College
Class 74
2015

Senior Sergeant Brad Kuecker
Leadership Command College

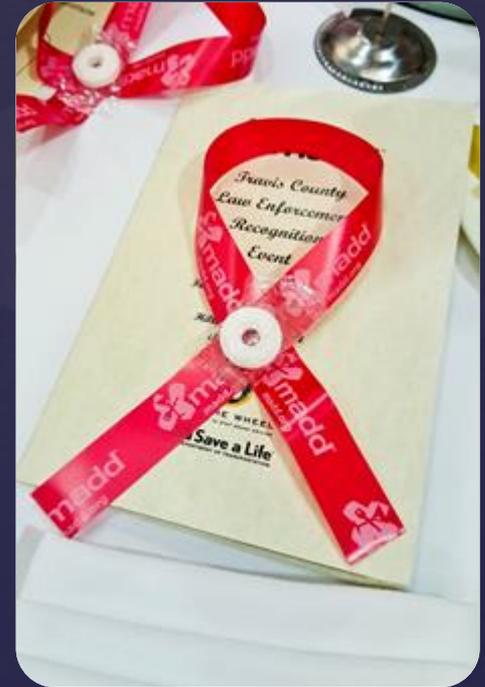
Awards and Recognition

- Mother's Against Drunk Drivers D.W.I. Enforcer Award to Officer's Joe Reid and Kevin Hendricks.
- Mother's Against Drunk Drivers Diamond Hero Leadership Award to Lt. Vincent Montez and Sergeant Lupe Navarro.
- Police Achievement Medal to Officer Ryan Halley for certification through Coopers Fitness Institute and Texas Department of Public Safety Fitness Instructor and for organizing fitness testing for Bee Cave Police Officers and applicants.
- Police Achievement Medal to Sergeant Lupe Navarro for outstanding leadership and service as a first line supervisor and Field Training Officer program coordinator.
- Physical Fitness Medal to Officer Ryan Halley and Lieutenant William Pitmon for 90% score on fit for duty Test.
- Officer Joseph Sanchez completed two courses to become certified as Advanced Collision Investigator.
- 10 Years of Service to Lieutenant Vincente Montez.

Awards and Recognition



Lt. Pitmon, Chief Miller, Kevin Hendricks, Joe Reid , Lt. Montez



M.A.D.D. Recognition for D.W.I. Enforcement



Awards and Recognition



L to R: TXDPS Lieutenant Davis, Officer Ryan Halley, TXDPS Deputy Director Frank Woodall.
Officer Halley's Graduation From Six Week Fitness Institute

Community Outreach and Involvement



Officer Howard with Lake Travis Cavaliers Football Team Homecoming Parade



The Road to Houston Goes Through Bee Cave



Community Outreach and Involvement



Lt. Montez & Chief Miller
Toy Drive for Needy Kids



Local Elementary School Kids greet Lt. Montez



10 Year Anniversary Celebration
Open House & Cake

Community Outreach and Involvement

2nd Annual 911 Memorial Stair Climb



Officer Howard with Sheriff Hamilton
at Deputy Jessica Hollis Memorial

1st Citizens Police Academy



Incidents



The Crime Index is the total number of Homicide, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary of Residence or Building, Theft, Auto Thefts and Arson - Compiled by Texas Department Of Public Safety and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Offenses by Type and Year

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Assault	24	29	31	25	22	30
Burglary	22	8	17	7	9	6
Burglary of a Vehicle	26	18	27	36	33	35
Criminal Mischief	22	19	22	35	30	22
Drug Offenses	59	56	38	54	56	155
Forgery - ID Theft	10	12	5	8	2	24
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft	101	112	92	102	116	134
Intoxication Offenses	51	60	42	40	53	171
Unauthorized Use MV	5	2	9	6	8	7

The increase in Drug Offenses and Intoxication Offenses is attributed to increased traffic enforcement

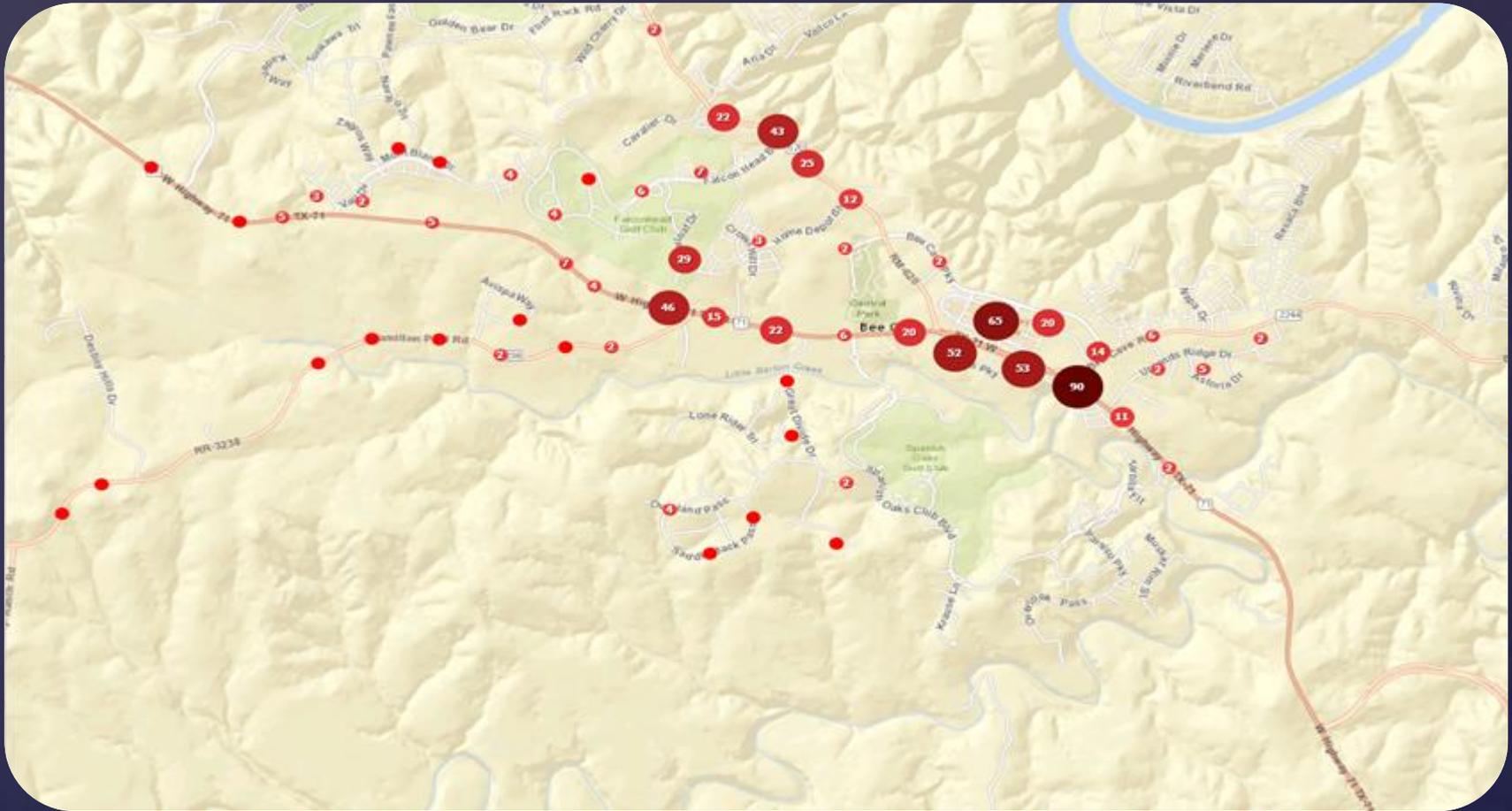
By the Numbers

	2014	2015
CALLS FOR SERVICE	3809	4591
TRAFFIC STOPS	4658	6176
CITATIONS	1692	3921
WARNINGS	4277	3887
ARRESTS	200	430
MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES	260	240*

- *27% increase over last year in calls for service and traffic stops combined.*
- *Citations are up about 131%*
- *Arrests are up about 115%*
- **Includes one motor vehicle-pedestrian fatality*

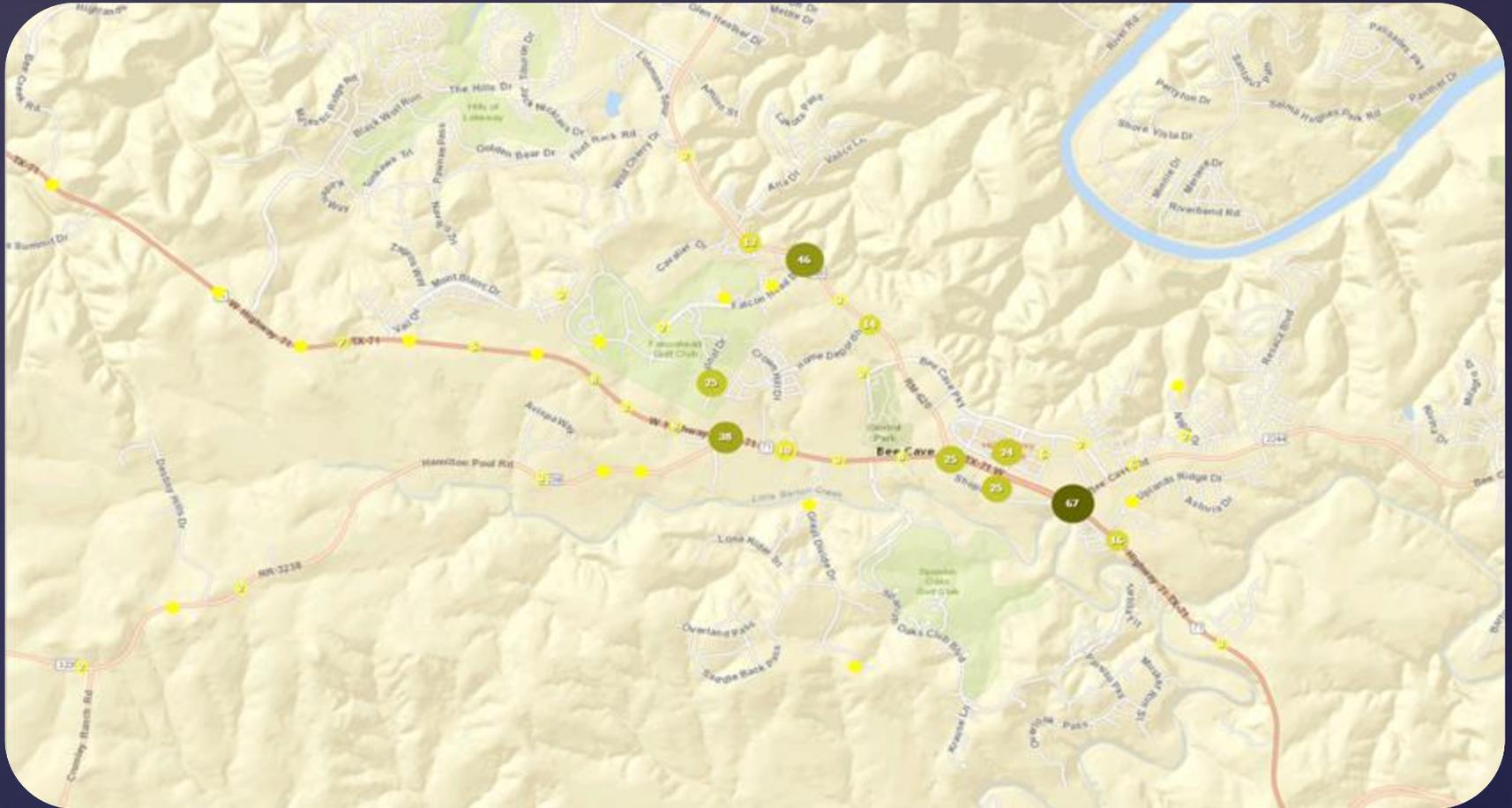
Incidents

863 reported incidents in 2015. Incidents are specific to calls for service where a report was made and submitted by the police department.



Arrests

There were 430 arrests in 2015 (10 Class C, 340 on view, and 80 warrant). Arrests are identified as custodial arrests from either cite and release to individuals being taken to Travis County Jail for processing. These numbers do not include class C traffic citations.

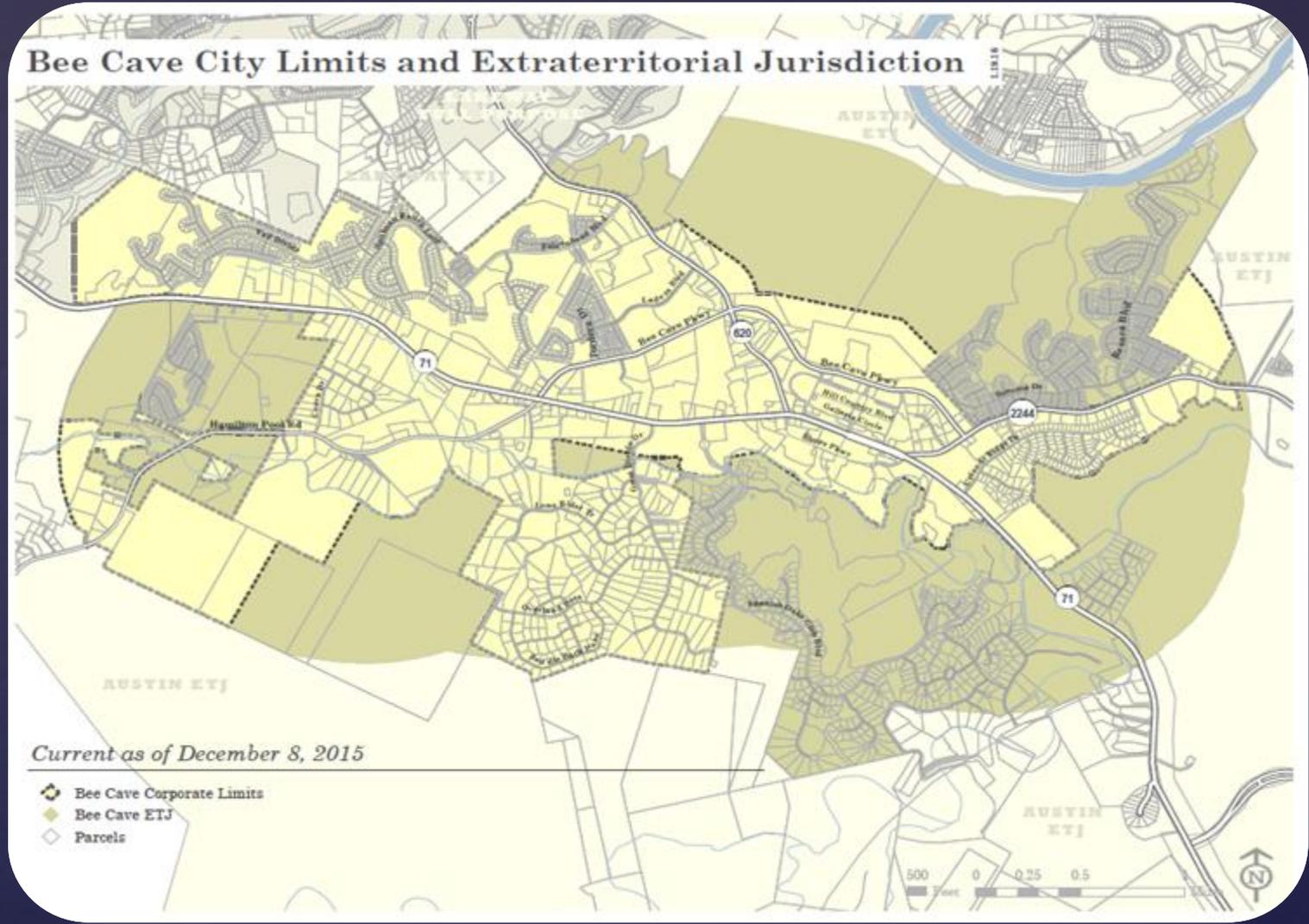


Driving While Intoxicated Arrests

There were 139 DWI arrests in 2015 due to increased training and traffic enforcement.



Current City Limits



Enforcement Trends & Efforts



Traffic remains the top concern and complaint from Bee Cave Citizens and visitors. We increased our efforts during 2015 to address those concerns and are pleased to report the number of accidents reportable to the state decreased from 260 to 240. Sadly one of those accidents resulted in the death of one young man.

We believe the drop in accidents is the result of three factors:

1. *Increase in enforcement, both citations and warnings.*
2. *Increase in DWI arrests.*
3. *Major highway construction on Highway 71 completed.*

The City of Bee Cave also approved an ordinance requiring hands free operation of cell phones and electronic devices while operating a motor vehicle or bicycle. Distracted driving causes accidents.



Training and Continuing Education

Continuing and Mandated Education is always on the schedule for the Bee Cave Police Department. Each year, sworn officers are required to attend and complete a minimum number of hours and specialized topic courses which are required by TCOLE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement), in order to maintain a peace officers license. Occasionally training opportunities arise and when time and scheduling permit, we are able to send sworn officers to additional training. These courses can be from administrative to tactical training opportunities which provide officers advancement and additional training hours above the minimums. In addition, the recognition program requires training and other standards to be maintained as part of the recognition program.



Sometimes training arises out of necessity. For example, given the number of collisions and DWI cases we have seen recently, the Bee PD has trained 4 officers as Certified Breath Test Operators through the Texas DPS Academy. Not only are these officers SFST Certified (Standardized Field Sobriety Practitioners), they are now certified to operate any state intoxilyzer machine where the subject provides a breath sample to determine the level of alcohol concentration in the subjects body. This is a huge accomplishment and benefit for the BCPD as the number of DWI cases and arrests have risen in 2015.

Several officers have been trained in Commercial Vehicle Enforcement to recognize violations of the large numbers of commercial traffic in Bee Cave. Due to the high volume of construction and businesses in the southwest Travis County area and Bee Cave being a major transit point, commercial vehicle traffic is high. This training gives the officers the knowledge to recognize an unsafe commercial vehicle and the additional knowledge while investigating a commercial vehicle collision.



Also, we have one officer who has attended the TEEX (Texas A&M Engineering Extension) training for Intermediate and Advanced Collision Investigation. This training provides the BCPD the tools and education to properly document a collision scene, analyze the cause, and the functionality of using formulas to determine factors like, speed, distance traveled and completion of accurate and scaled diagrams of the collision scene.



We are proud to call the Bee Cave Police
Department our second home.